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Letter dated 27 April 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, and further to my letter dated 21 April 1998 (A/52/875-S/1998/340), I have the honour to draw your attention to the following new violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus and of the flight information region of Nicosia by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, which were recorded on 24 April 1998.

On that day, two C-160 and one C-130 aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region between 0728 and 0847 hours, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the Cape of Apostle Andreas and exiting between 0816 and 0936 hours.

On the same day, between 0912 and 1133 hours, eight F-16 and four F-4 aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, entering the Nicosia flight information region, flying over the Cape of Apostle Andreas, then exiting between 0939 and 1200 hours.

During the above violations a Turkish military helicopter was flying over the Cape from 0851 until 1200 hours.

Also on the same day, two RF-4 planes entered the Nicosia flight information region at 1145 hours in violation of international civil aviation regulations, flying along the ceasefire line and exiting at 1236 hours.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I wish to protest strongly against these new violations of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, which are in complete disregard of the

Charter of the United Nations, the relevant decisions of the Organization on the question of Cyprus and international civil aviation regulations.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61, and of the Security Council.

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